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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT – COUNTY COUNSEL LITIGATION COST
MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES (Board Agenda
Item #66-D, June 13, 2006)**

At the June 13, 2006 meeting, your Board directed the Auditor-Controller to audit a sample of County litigation cases to ensure proper litigation cost management and risk management procedures were followed. Your Board also authorized us to enter into a contract, up to \$25,000, to hire an outside attorney to assist in the audit.

We are currently reviewing a sample of litigation cases to determine if the current litigation cost/risk management procedures were followed. We are also evaluating the adequacy of the County's cost/risk management procedures. In addition, we are in the process of hiring an outside attorney to evaluate the case litigation strategies, and the reasonableness of outside attorney fees, where applicable. We expect to complete our review and issue our report to your Board by November 30, 2006.

Please call if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Jim Schneiderman at (626) 293-1101.

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